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Salitre 2004 in Iquique, Chile

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More than 100 Airmen from the New Mexico Air National Guard, N. M.; Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.; Ellsworth AFB, S.D.; and Bolling AFB, Washington D.C., participated in Salitre 2004, a multinational air combat training exercise that took place September 25 through Oct. 8 at Los Condores Air Base, outside of Iquique, Chile.

Hosted by the Chilean Air Force, the exercise consisted of more than 600 service members from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States. This year marked the first-ever deployment of all four

countries and also the first time a combined air operations center was integrated.

The exercise, a low-intensity air campaign scenario, simulates wartime conditions pilots would face in real combat. The Chilean sky had more than 40 fighter aircraft and 20 support aircraft engaging in the air; 150th Fighter Wing F-16 *Fighting Falcons*, Mirage IIIs and Vs from Argentina, F-5E *Tigres* from Brazil, and A-36s and A-37s from Chile.

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150 FW Mission: *The New Mexico Air National Guard provides unsurpassed aerospace combat capability and combat support forces to meet any contingency in the world.*



Commander's Column

Col. R. Kim Hunter

Commander, 150th Fighter Wing

Attitude is everything! You've probably heard that axiom since you were five years old. Your parents, teachers, and many other mentors exhorted you to keep a good attitude and continue trying your hardest. Well, sometimes the more things change, the more they stay the same.

A lot of really good people have completed careers here at the 150th over the years using this adage as their touchstone. You can remember them and lot of what they had to say and teach. They are different for each of us. They are our heritage and our role models and we owe them a lot. So how do we repay these folks? Let me offer my opinion as a potential answer.

I think the best way to repay our heritage is to add to it. Remember that we don't do things exactly the way our predecessors did, but one thing we do have in common is that we have good

attitudes toward service and this unit. Also remember that the requirements and performance standards in every job in this unit will only increase with time. We will attack this challenge with a variety of tools from high-tech new equipment to razor-sharp new processes. But the one central prerequisite that we *must* have is good attitudes. I am aiming this piece toward our more senior NCO's and Officers, since they are our current leaders and mentors.

As you are doubtlessly aware, we are rapidly approaching an ORI. This inspection will require our knowledge and expertise at *every* level in the organization. Our preparation for this ORI will continue with our next ORE in January. We will need to take all of our lessons learned in the November ORE and apply them to our procedures prior to January. Ensuring this takes place is *everyone's* responsibility. As one senior NCO recently told me, 'our young enlisted troops are the smartest, best educated, and most motivated he's ever seen. I

wholeheartedly agree with him and stress to you senior individuals with all of the stripes and brass, to take the time to mentor these young folks. You have the expertise and their respect. *Continue to earn it!* Teach them what you know, they're hungry for it. Your pride and our unit's tradition rest squarely on your shoulders. Remember, attitude is everything!



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Flu shots set for service members, high-risk people

by Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

10/15/2004 - WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Deployed and deploying service members are among the priority groups to receive the flu vaccine, Defense Department officials said here Oct. 13.

Chiron, the main supplier of flu vaccine has a plant in Britain. Recently British regulators halted production there. While DOD is affected by the British rejection of Chiron's flu vaccine, all high-risk beneficiaries and all operationally deployed service members will be vaccinated on time this flu season.

Officials said there are about 2.2 million service members and high-risk beneficiaries. The immunization program is underway.

Troops deployed to the U.S. Central Command theater of operations and to South Korea are DOD's highest priority, and the department already has shipped vaccine to those theaters, officials said. High-risk beneficiaries who will receive priority on the flu shots are: children ages 6 to 23 months, adults older than 65, all pregnant women, women caring for children

younger than 6 months old, health-care workers and anyone with underlying health conditions.

DOD has another source of the vaccine. The department has 1.3 million doses coming from a company unaffected by the British action. It has delivered 680,000 doses already, with the rest coming in the next eight weeks. The department also is pursuing a contract with the makers of the nasal flu vaccine Flumist. This can be used only by healthy persons between the ages of 2 and 49.

Healthy service members who are not scheduled for deployment will be deferred from receiving the vaccination until the more critical categories receive their shots, officials said.

Flu vaccinations are normally mandatory for all service members. The flu is contagious, and depending on the strain, can cause illness or even death. According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates, between 5 and 20 percent of Americans get the flu each year.

If you have any questions please contact CMSgt Braun, Health Services Manager at 846-5675.

100% Tuition Scholarship Program

Deadline to apply for 100% tuition scholarship is due to Santa Fe by April for summer classes. To apply, pick-up or ask to be e-mailed an AGONM Form 2171-R, complete it, have the 150th Mission Support Flight Retention Office (Bldg 1055, Room 18) coordinate on it, then send to Santa Fe yourself. The address to send it to is on the form. For more information, please call the retention office at 853-7696.

OPSEC, you, and the ORI

OPSEC is a mandated program designed to safeguard critical information, actions related to operations, and other activities; which if exploited by an adversary, could jeopardize operations and lives. The goal of OPSEC is to deny pieces of information to the adversary. With the effort of all the

Tacos, we can make our local and deployed operations for each individual and their families safer. Every individual needs to strictly adhere to the following guidelines in order to go beyond the standards.

- **Be Vigilant, Be Aware, and Be Assertive –**

This means to always be on the lookout for anything that could compromise our operational security and report it. These threats could be suspicious cars, individuals, phone calls, computer messages, or documents.

- **Telephone Responsibilities** - It is critical to adhere to sound OPSEC communications procedures when talking on the telephone. This starts when answering any phone. The proper procedure for answering any phone on base is to include the phrase “Unsecure Line” if talking on an unsecure line. If in doubt, reference the red sticker on your phone that shows the classification status of the telephone. During a conversation on the phone do not discuss any compromising information. This information does not necessarily have to be classified to be compromising. If there is a question in your mind if your conversation might be compromising, play it safe and don’t say it.

- **Computer Responsibilities** - Similar to phone conversations, computers can be a vital piece of the information puzzle to the enemy.

Therefore it is imperative to practice safe computer responsibilities. When using email, use the same guidelines from the telephone responsibilities for communicating potential compromising information – Play it safe, and don’t write it. Viruses are another important aspect of computer security. Everyone should have received a color coded card regarding virus information. Refer to the card to handle any potential virus. It is also **CRITICAL** to be sure to “log off” or “lock” your computer at all times when you are not at your desk.

- **Personal Responsibilities** – The heart of OPSEC relies on the individual. To do this, we must always be in an Operationally secure mindset. This includes our daily lifestyles and work ethics. Always be aware of OPSEC and use it on and off duty. Simple steps to take at work can also deny the adversary information. Always be sure to keep a clean and uncluttered desk. Once again, documents don’t have to be classified in order to be compromising. Like computers, don’t leave a document on your desk if you’re not there. Off duty, think OPSEC as if you were at work.

If you are unsure how to answer any question, be sure to refer to the PA office.

2Lt Teise Hinman: 853-7013

For any questions regarding OPSEC, contact one of the following individuals

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**Just remember –
OPSEC is
everyone’s responsibility!**

Family Program Information

Family Day 2004

Family Day 2004 at Cliff's Amusement park was a huge success this year. Smiling faces, laughter and fun filled the air on that beautiful day in September. Children enjoyed the rides almost as much as the adults did. The "New Mexico Rattler" was the ride of the day for those who dared to attempt the excitement. Lunch was served in the pavilion area, as families were able to sit and visit with each other and other military families. We hope that you all had a wonderful time and enjoyed the day.



Holiday Food Drive

Every year Kirtland Air Force Base Family Support asks our help in feeding military families that are in need. However, Family Support always returns the favor. They insure that any of our Guard Members, that may be in need, get plenty of food to feed their families over the Holiday Season. We are honored to be a part of the Holiday Food Drive and grateful for the support that we can give to our Guard Members. If you are a Guard Member in need, please contact the Family Program office. If you would like to donate any of the items listed below, please place the items in the donation boxes located at in the Headquarters building and in the State Building. Thank you in advance for all of your kindness and generous support!

- Canned vegetables
- Instant potatoes
- Canned yams
- Stuffing
- Evaporated milk
- Mixed canned pumpkin
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Package gravy
- Monetary donations, please contact SMSgt. Wilk @ 3-7165 or Ethel Tilley @ 3-1718.



Readers Digest

Readers Digest has generously donated one copy to each member of the National Guard. Please stop by the Family Program office to pick up your free copy of Readers Digest.

T-Shirts

X-Large t-shirts are still available in Black and Sand for only \$6.00.

Volunteering

Family Program welcomes anyone that may be interested in volunteering to provide support to our families. The New Year is almost here and we will be gearing up for our year of events to include: family day, hearts apart activities, Commander's Prayer Breakfast, just to name a few. We would love to have you as part of our group of volunteers and look forward to a year full of fun and excitement. We are currently seeking a volunteer that would be interested in heading our Youth Program. If you are interested in donating your time, or know someone that may be interested in volunteering, please contact the Family Program office.

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**Wise men learn much
from their enemies.**

-ARISTOPHANES

My TDY Experience in Guatemala

By Major Melissa Sunnygard-Couse

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In May 2004, the 150th Medical Squadron was tasked to participate in New Horizons MEDRETE in Guatemala. When Chief Master Sergeant Pete Braun asked for a Public Affairs representative, I jumped at the opportunity! I knew that we would be living on an army base in field conditions. The conditions made the trip even more exciting; my family and I go camping several times throughout the summer so I

and Guatemalan Army base, our transport trucks had to be specially guarded overnight. Our first treatment day began at 0430 with a hot breakfast in the mobile kitchen. At least the coffee was good.

Whenever visiting a Foreign country, you are bound to go through a measure of culture shock. This trip proved no different. As we were riding the bus that first morning, it felt very odd looking out the window on the way to our first site, and see a little old man walking by the

roadside armed with a 2-foot machete. It's no wonder we were not allowed to go anywhere unless we were under armed escort by the Guatemalan Military. Those feelings of uncertainty as to our personal safety quickly dissipated as we drove up to "Escuela Oficial Mixta Urbana Jose Masferrer" and saw a line of over 300 people that literally wrapped around the entire front of the school. It was 0600, and we hadn't even unloaded the equipment yet. The thought of people needing us so badly that they were willing to come to the site at 0300 to get a good place in line astounded me. This was not like America where we "camp out" to get tickets for a concert or the Super Bowl. These people were ill, elderly, or needed to have their children treated for "loss of appetite", fever, and upper respiratory infections. Being a parent, it is also beyond my comprehension how a three-year-old would have the patience to stand in line beside Mom for three hours before we came, and remain in line for the rest of the day until we were able to provide them with clinical services.

There was an immediate sense of need, and an urgency to set things up and start helping these people as quickly as we could. There I was with my equipment, just a digital camera and a laptop, which didn't take me long to set up. Meanwhile, from the many boxes being unloaded from



decided; this would be a piece of cake. What a great opportunity for me to take pictures of everyone and really get to see what goes on behind the scenes. No big deal! Little did I know that this would prove to be the most intense TDY of my Guard career. Having never worked directly with or in the Clinic before, I truly had no idea of what an outstanding, professional, and tightly knit group the 150th has in the Medical Group.

The first day in Guatemala was spent sifting through truckloads of medical equipment and sorting out hundreds of various medications for seven medical treatment teams, then loading it all onto several trucks for transport the next day. Despite the fact that we were on US Army



the truck, a dentist's office was set up, complete with reclining dental chairs, an Optometry Clinic, outfitted with hundreds of donated reading glasses. We had seven medical treatment teams, each with a Doctor, Nurse or Medical Tech and a myriad of medicines that we sorted and divided amongst the seven teams.

Each day was always an adventure; the team was never quite sure how many people from Public Health and the local medical clinics would come to help out. Around 0800, each day teams were ready to open the gates, and go. One of the most critical elements in a successful day was management of crowd control and patient flow. By the end of the ten days of treatment, we had finally figured out.

Each patient began at the Preventive Medicine station where Maj Cincotta and TSgt Trujillo provided doses of Anti-Parasite medicine to every one over the age of two. With the help of translators and local school teachers, they gave a talk about washing hands frequently, basic nutrition, and brushing teeth at least once a day. Each patient walked out with two toothbrushes and a tube of toothpaste. Maj Gillen and Capt Hill then performed basic triage, taking blood pressures and temperatures and trying to get a sense of what ailment needed treatment. From there, patients were directed to a medical treatment team, dental or optometry clinic. The most popular station, by far, was the Optometry Clinic. TSgt Redshirt and a visiting optometrist provided eye exams and matched up the needed prescription with donated glasses.



At the end of each day we were all exhausted and excited about how many people had been seen and helped. It was also fascinating listening to all the stories from the Docs and Med Techs. By the end of the ten treatment days, we had seen over 7000 patients! It was an incredible experience and I was truly amazed watching the Medical Group in action!



TSgt Frank Balderama received an incentive ride while in Iquique, Chile.



Major LaMontagne in an interview with the Chilean press.



Iquique, Chile



McDonalds in Iquique, Chile.

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Salitre 2004 in Iquique, Chile

Overall, Salitre 2004 gave participants the opportunity to sharpen air-combat skills, exchange air operations and tactics, and promote closer relationships among nations. Demonstrating the participating nations' interest in fostering relationships beneficial to peace and stability in the South American area of responsibility, the exercise provides a forum to strengthen ties between nations that have not historically worked together.

As part of building relationships, New Mexico ANG members returned for the third time this year after participating in Salitre 2000 and 2002, which were bilateral exercises with Chile. Technical Sgt. Mark Grindle, 150 FW Historian, stated, "Salitre 2004 provided an excellent opportunity to participate in a multi-national exercise. Members of the 150 FW were able to have a direct impact in building a strong alliance with our South American counterparts."

Staff Sgt. Angelo Saiz, an ANG five-year veteran on his third deployment to Chile, says it's his favorite place to deploy. He also says he speaks enough Spanish to "make friends." Staff Sgt. Ricky Martinez was on his first deployment to Chile. He stated, "I was very impressed with the amount of knowledge the Chilean and Argentinean Avionics Techs had about the avionics systems had in our jets." "I was very impressed with the camaraderie and friendships that formed between our personnel and their counterparts from Argentina, Brazil, Chile. I felt the exercise provided great training opportunities," stated Major Michele LaMontagne, Exercise Maintenance Group Commander.

Another Guard member, Tech. Sgt. Caytano "Guy" Arellano still e-mails two Chilean counterparts he met during Salitre 2000. When he deployed again for Salitre 2002, he even attended the birthday party for one Chilean friend's daughter.

Overall, Salitre 2004 was a great success.



(Above) Group photo of participants of Salitre 2004 in Iquique, Chile.
(left) Brig Gen Chavez presented the Chileans with a New Mexico flag.



Senior Airman Orozco received an incentive flight while in Chile.



Highway Art in Chile.



Airmen are Warriors

CMSgt. Allan Ludi
Command Chief
New Mexico Air National Guard

Ask a Marine Corps member what they do and the response will be a loud and proud, "I am a Marine." Ask the same question to an Army troop and you will hear, "I am a Soldier." Pose the question to a member of the Air Force and you will get "I am a personnelist," "I am an acquisition officer" or "I am a pilot." Furthermore, ask a Marine anything about the mission or history of the Corps and they will spout out the answer without having to think. An Army soldier will do the same thing. What would you say if someone came up to you and asked about Air Force doctrine or history? Can you articulate the Air Force mission, core values and core competencies? Can you explain the expeditionary aerospace force methodology? Can you describe our proud heritage of innovation and adaptation and discuss examples? What is the difference between these responses? The Army, Navy, and Marine Corps have a strong identification with heritage and mission of their service.

The Air Force, being the youngest branch, is still struggling with establishing a strong foundation of culture and having its members fully comprehend and understand the value of dominance of the aerospace domain. We must be AIRMEN foremost. AIRMEN are warriors, not technical specialists. While it is important to ground ourselves in the basic skills of our specialties, we need to broaden our perspective and know what aerospace power brings to the fight. As AIRMEN, we should understand basic Air Force doctrine and how air power is employed as part of a joint warfighting team. One of

the methods in which the Air Force is trying to foster this AIRMAN perspective is through education and orientation from day one. Gen Lloyd W. Newton, the former commander of the Air Education Training Command, believes that "military education provides members with the intellectual resources to perform more capably within their career fields and makes them better airmen, supervisors, strategists and Air Force leaders. An educated AIRMAN brings more to the fight."

Air Force basic training has undergone changes to its curriculum to better educate and train our enlisted force. Several courses have been added to the academics including lessons on core values, Air Force history and the Expeditionary Aerospace Force. Furthermore, the school instituted "Warrior Week," a program that helps orient recruits to a deployment environment and develops an understanding of the EAF concept. All AIRMEN not just our new recruits, should live our core values, be familiar with our core competencies and understand the EAF concept. Educate yourself on the Air Force doctrine. There are lots of resources available to help you in your quest. Search the Internet; www.af.mil is an excellent place to start. Government personnel can also order free books from Air University Press at www.au.af.mil/au/oas/aupress or venture over to the base library to see what you can find. Next time someone asks you about what you do, will you be prepared?

In memory of K. John Lamphere 1974 to 2004



Around the Wing

PROMOTIONS

Airman 1st Class

None Reported

Senior Airman

Alea A. Nadeem
Gregg D. Hecathorn
Adam J. Griego Jr.
Randall J. Maestas
Sean R. Hampton

Staff Sergeant

Kimberlee D. Locke

Technical Sergeant

James S. Pratt
Valerie A. Yara
Michael J. Fisher
Charles W. Johndro
Christian D. Lopez

Master Sergeant

Dewette J. Decker
Rebecca A. Torres
Wendy LaLande

Senior Master Sergeant

None Reported

Chief Master Sergeant

None Reported

Welcome
to the
NMANG
Family!!

NEW ENLISTMENTS

SrA Caroline L. Baker
SrA Jackson Barroso
SSgt Randy B. Blake III
SrA Michael R. Esparaza
SSgt Drew B. Foote
Amn Shannon N. Garcia
SSgt Wesley E. Hale
A1C Thomas A. Hall
SrA Donald W. Nix
SSgt Richard D. Junker, Jr.

SSgt Eric W. Long
A1C Leasa M. Medina
SSgt Hugo I. Montes
SSgt Karen M. Piccuta
SrA David M. Ryan
SrA Robert L. Seeds
A1C Eric B. Shingleton
TSgt Chad E. Wedekind
SrA Charles R. Wyatt
SSgt Richard J. Zamora

Who's who?

Who commutes the furthest?

We would like to feature who commutes the furthest to our unit. If you live outside of NM or far from Albuquerque and come here for drill, please e-mail SSgt Young at robert.young@nmkirt.af.mil. Please include your full name, your office symbol, where you commute from (city/town, state), and a good phone number to call you for more information.

DRUG ABUSE

Drug abuse is not compatible with Air Force or Air National Guard service. The use of illegal drugs and the misuse of prescription medications constitute misconduct and grounds for discharge.

All members of the 150th FW are subject to drug testing through urinalysis, both random and command directed. The drug testing program is active, and there have been positive tests for drug use this year. Testing positive for illegal drugs will result in your discharge/separation, possibly under other than honorable conditions. It is not worth the risk.

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"People demand freedom of speech to make up for the freedom of thought which they avoid."

- Soren Aabye Kierkegaard
(1813-1855)

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."

- Albert Einstein
(1879-1955)

Family Day 2004

